

SUNBEAMS.



Now people, considering the heat (and my thinness) you don't expect much from me; you are getting plenty of sun beams without mine. Be of good cheer. It's goin' to rain—some day—just keep on Hooverizin' and McAdooin. Hang to the willows, work some, pray quite a bit and everything will come out all right. If it don't just let me know and I'll give you another prescription.

Let's get this into our heads—there must be no idlers; we can (and must) all be up and doin'. Perhaps the field of your work and mine has not opened up, but it will, and when the opportunity comes and duty points the way, let's just forget that we have troubles of our own and go—no matter what the work—no matter where the field—all that we need to know is—that it is a work for humanity's sake. We may all be useful in some small way and who shall say what part your work and mine (humble though it be) in the victory which though delayed is none the less assured.

There's just no use of shirkin' You've got to go on workin' You really have no time for feelin' blue;

For the Huns are at our doors, Down along our eastern shores; And the victory may depend on— you.

There may be such a thing as bein' too proud to fight. I dunno—but it looks as if pride will give way to hunger pretty soon and then, look out; for by the gods of war, when you take away a man's corn pone and tobacco he won't feel that life is worth livin' and he'll fight—he shore will.

I have heard of a man who accidentally shot himself in his "corn crib." Now I have studied anatomy—some—but this must be an addition to the human frame—now if he had shot himself in the "corn-bread crib" I would have known where to probe for the bullet.

All I can say to the boys over there is to work at once—at once means now—get busy and may every bullet in your cartridge belts find a German brain.

By golly, I read something 't'other day that did me good—it was this: The Boches made a raid and some of them succeeded in getting in a trench held by the Yanks. Three of them rushed a poor, lone Yank with their bayonets. Did he run? He did not—he deliberately shot 'em down, one at a time. Then the officer in charge of the Huns, seeing his men killed, began begging—and he died a beggin'. That's the way to handle 'em. "Take no prisoners."

I want you to read "Warren's address to his troops," it seems to me a fit occasion. If the address and the atrocities being perpetrated on our boys don't fire your patriotism you are a dead one and don't yet know it. Here it is:

Stand—the ground's your own, my braves, Will ye give it up to slaves? Will ye look for greener graves? Hope ye mercy still? What's the mercy despots feel? Hear it in that battle peal. Read it—on your bristling steel; Ask it—ye who will. Fear ye foes who kill for hire? Will ye to your homes retire? Look behind you—they're afire, And before you see— Who have done it—from the vale On they come—and will ye quail? Leaden rain—and iron hail Let their welcome be. In the God of battle's trust Die we may and die we must, But, oh, where can dust to dust

Be consigned so well? As where Heaven its dew shall shed On the martyr patriot's bed And the rocks shall raise their head Of his deeds to tell.

They say that a woman is as old as she looks and that a man is as old as he feels. Now, I ain't goin' to argue the pint. I'll just say I don't believe it. Most any woman is older than she looks and I know one man who is a darned sight older than he feels. I'll tell you about him.

I'm him. You see while my hair and whiskers are gettin' gray I feel as young as I did before the war (I mean the present war). But one day last week, after plowin' corn with a one-horse plow, I decided I was considerably older than I felt, oh, my, yes! I won't go into details, but my father's oldest son came very near dyin' in the field—you see I have been livin' on short rations and was not very strong and the heat was too many for me. I feel better today, but shall be more careful and I advise you folks to do likewise.

If there's one thing that gets my goat a bit quicker than any other it is to have some son-of-a-gun who has nothing to do (except figure the interest on what he owes) lean on the fence while I am humped over pullin' weeds or wieldin' a hoe and say: "Is this hot enough for you?" Gosh, I think if murder is ever self defense, it would be so in a case like that. In the followin' "beautiful" lines I want to say to these pests:

There is a place—reserved for those (With nothing else to do) Than ask the senseless question "Is it hot enough for you?" And some sweet day, they'll reach that place Where never falls the dew And the Devil he will smile and say: "Is it hot enough for you?"

Sunny Jim

Corland.

The levee around the Duvall ranch was finished this week and Mr. Beneman is loading the dredge boat at Athol to ship it to Indiana.

Mrs. Curtis and son and Mrs. Cope of Ardmore, Oklahoma are here in their Buick visiting Mrs. Webster.

Mrs. H. Reedy and two children of Billings, Montana, and her father Mr. George Ruddle of Passaic visited her sister Mrs. E. J. Lockard Wednesday.

Angie and Ira Faubion of Butler are working at Henry Herman's. Sylvia Vaughn, Beth and Lawrence Turner motored to Metz Sunday afternoon.

Blanche Lockard visited her friend, Lela Smith, at Foster from Tuesday until Saturday, this week.

Mrs. Horn and two children, who have been visiting at Websters' left for Jerseyville, Illinois, this week.

Mrs. Hannah McClintic took dinner at A. W. Shay's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Day and daughter, Mr. Oscar Welch and Mr. Oscar Sims, of Passaic, spent Thursday at Emory Lockard's.

Country Happenings.

Walter Gragg and family of Oklahoma are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gragg.

The Red Cross met with Mrs. Geo. Wigger June 12. About 13 ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sargent and daughter, Thelma, took Sunday dinner with Merl Sargent and wife.

Mrs. C. H. Rector called on Mrs. Marsh Brown Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Lawson is visiting at the Jake Frey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Odneal and baby and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welliver.

Lillie Wigger spent Saturday night and Sunday with Nora Foster.

Elmer Keen and Roy Young were in Appleton City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tiffney and children, of Kansas City, visited Saturday night at the J. E. Harvey home.

Mrs. C. W. Rector spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Tom Chitwood.

Misses Nina Keen and Thelma Sargent were shopping in Spruce Saturday.

Miss Nora Foster spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Will Wigger.

Sunday School Convention at Spruce.

A township Sunday School Convention will be held at the Methodist church at Spruce on Sunday, June 23, 1918, from 2 until 5 p. m., where the following program will be carried out:

Song—Congregation.
Reading of Lesson—Robt. Dillon.
Prayer—James Raybourn.
Anthem—Choir.

Good Lessons for Sunday School—Rev. Mullendorf.

How to Secure and Hold Attendance—Rev. Scroggs, Butler.

Young People Training—Miss Clara Sunderwirth, Rockville.

Home Department—Rev. Fine.

Essentials of Good Teaching—Prof. H. O. Maxey, Butler.

An Ideal Weekly Report—Miss Cora Borland.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Mother Surrendered Draft Evader to Federal Agents.

Chicago, Ill., June 15.—On information furnished by his mother, Van Skidde, a former I. W. W. member, was taken into custody as a draft evader and held in State bonds for \$5,000 to appear in court.

Merwin Items

(Too late for last week.)

We are having some real summer days now.

John Hussey and H. D. Ritchey began harvesting their wheat Tuesday. Help is very scarce here.

F. E. Alder and his bride came in Sunday for a visit with his brother, J. W. Alder.

Mrs. Anna Berry of Topeka, Kansas, came Monday for a visit with relatives. She returned home Sunday.

Joe Braden has a new Briscoe car. Ester Ritchey, Ossie Sells and Anna Hicks went to Drexel Sunday.

Mrs. John Ferguson and children returned home from Joplin Sunday.

L. C. King returned to her home in Adrian Monday.

Dick Tucker has moved into the hotel vacated by W. S. Harris. We wish Mr. Tucker success.

C. C. Hedger of Foster visited John Hussey Thursday.

Farmers are shipping out their stock because of scarcity of water and pasture.

While playing with an old buggy one day last week Claudine Harris was thrown into a wire fence cutting her right ear very badly. A physician was called. She is getting along nicely.

Will This Sort of Thing Help Win the War?

Last week the farmers and threshing machine men of Barton county held a meeting at Lamar to decide on the price to be paid for this year's threshing and the Lamar Republican Sentinel says that when a speaker said that "the farmers had things in hand and knew their business better than the government did," the large audience not only clapped but it yelled and whooped, says the Republican Sentinel.

We hope that this is a libel on the farmers of that county as it is a very serious matter when a body of men will uproariously applaud sentiments that imply an attack on the government, particularly at a time like the present. A man who would so far forget himself as to make a speech of that kind before an audience of Bates county farmers would be a subject for sympathy. He would be mighty lucky if he got off with a nice coat of tar and feathers. They would probably hang him.

Struck Oil Near Hume.

Dispatches in the Kansas City papers the last of the week say that while drilling a water well on the Glenn Withon farm near Hume, oil sand testing a gallon of oil a minute was struck at 145 feet. There was twenty-five feet of sand. Considerable land is being leased and prospecting is under way.

Many have always contended that oil in paying quantities could be found in the west part of this county, and this seems to bear out that contention. Drilling, with every prospect of striking oil, is going on in the northeast part of the county near Merwin and while the work is being hampered somewhat by the lack of water, the drill is being kept steadily at work.

Brought in a "Gasser."

W. J. Bullock, president of the Red Arrow Oil & Gas company, came in from the oil fields last week and informs us that his company brought in a gaswell Tuesday night. The gas was struck in Verges sand at a depth of 948 feet. The well was capped and as soon as the necessary labor can be secured the well will be piped and the gas sold to be used in the manufacture of gasoline. This is the second producing well that the company has brought in, the first one being an oil well. There are quite a number of shareholders of the company in Butler who will be glad to learn that the prospects for dividends in the near future is exceedingly bright.

SALARIES URGED FOR DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN

House Committee Takes Up Matter of Paying Volunteers for Their Work.

Washington, June 14.—A survey has been undertaken by the government looking to putting its dollar-a-year volunteers on substantial salaries. These men heretofore have accepted nominal compensation under a law forbidding the government to accept services without pay.

Information on the several hundred of these men now serving in the War Industries Board and other war agencies, including their duties, connections with private interests and the value of their services, has been gathered by the House Ways and Means Committee in response to urgent requests of a number of government officials that the nominal pay system be abolished in the interest of efficiency and of promoting direct responsibility to the government.

Reports of department heads show, it is said, that most dollar-a-year volunteers heretofore have been paid much higher salaries than the government could afford to give, even if the suggestion of several department heads for a \$5,000 limit is adopted.

Secretary Nathan, who believes the nominal pay system tends to allegiance divided between the government and private business interests, already has transferred all but three or four of the volunteers in the treasury to regular pay.

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C. W. ANDERSON

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PROMPT DELIVERY

MISSOURI NOTES.

Governor Gardner has issued a call for the members of district appeal draft boards to meet at Jefferson City June 20 to discuss new draft regulations and adopt a uniform plan to govern all appeal cases.

Lee B. Ewing, of Nevada, who a short time ago filed a declaration of his candidacy for the democratic nomination as representative in congress from the Fifteenth Missouri district, has announced his withdrawal from the race.

100 saloons will go out of business in Kansas City on July 4, the date on which the licenses are taken out. The high cost of beer and the restrictions due to the war is responsible. A few years ago there were about 600 saloons in the city. After July 4 there will only be 325, according to excise officials.

At the public sale at Maryville last week by Ogden & Son, of pure bred Scotch shorthorns, the highest price ever paid for a cow of this breed was given for Fair Beauty by J. H. Crist, of Skidmore, Mo., the animal bringing \$7,050. Forty cows and bulls were sold for \$67,750, record sale in America for Scotch shorthorns.

That Judge John G. Slate of the Cole County Circuit Court made the statement that there was nothing in the alleged State graft cases during their trial last fall, was the testimony introduced before Special Supreme Court Commissioner J. B. McBaine in the application of Attorney General Frank W. McAllister for a writ of prohibition to prevent Slate from trying the cases.

The dredge boat and drag-line excavator for The Grand River Drainage District of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, is now at work, starting in at the Grand River bridge. As a consequence, the Jefferson Highway has been cut in two at that place, much to the discomfort of both tourists and our Mound Valley neighbors.—Archie correspondent in Cass County Democrat.

A ruling whereby city customers may only purchase two pounds of sugar and rural customers five has been announced by F. B. Mumford, Food Administrator for the State, to go into effect June 15. This does not affect those who have signed cards to use sugar for canning and preserving. The limitations are due to the fact that submarines have sunk incoming ships carrying sugar, and the expected shortage.

Henry county is making a trial of convict road workers. 25 negro convicts from the state penitentiary are working on a piece of road near Windsor. The camp has its own electric light system. There are comfortable sleeping tents, where every one has a cot, and a cook house and dining tent. One of the convicts has rigged up a barber shop. Some of them are serving life sentences yet there is but one guard in charge of the party.

The Stoddard county draft board lost all their records by a fire that destroyed the Stoddard County Trust Company's building Thursday night. The conflagration started in the local board's office on the second floor at 1 o'clock in the morning. The bank building was gutted. A barber shop next door was burned and Senator J. W. Farris' drug store was destroyed. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin, as the board had received several threatening letters.

Co. B is France.

Mrs. J. J. Corey, of Nevada, last week received a cablegram from her husband, Capt. J. J. Corey, of Co. B, 1st machine gun battalion, stating that the company, which had been in England for some time had arrived in France. Mrs. Corey is a member of the Red Cross and is doing much for the boys from Nevada who are in France. She has been very busy since the boys from Nevada arrived in France. She has been very busy since the boys from Nevada arrived in France.

MEN WHO MARRIED AFTER PASSAGE OF DRAFT MUST FIGHT

New Regulation Laid Down by Crowder Will Result in Re-classification of Number of Registrants

Washington, June 14.—Marriage since the enactment of the selective draft no longer will be accepted as cause for exemption from military service, except in the cases of men who become of age since June 5, 1917, who may be exempted if they married before January 15, 1918, the date on which the joint resolution requiring their registration was introduced into congress.

Drastic amendment to the draft regulations were announced tonight by Provost Marshal General Crowder, under which local boards are required to reclassify all cases involving such marriages. Dependency claims on account of children of such marriages, will be allowed where children are born or unborn before June 9, 1918.

Following is an order sent to all state draft executives:

"Please promulgate at once to local boards the following important amendment to the selective service regulations.

"Rule five, section seventy-two S. R. is amended to read as follows: "Rule 3A—The fact of dependency resulting from the marriage of a registrant who has become twenty-one years of age since June 5, 1917, and who has married since the date of the introduction of the joint resolution in congress requiring his registration, to-wit, January 15, 1918, will be regarded as a ground for deferred classification.

"B—If a registrant who has attained the age of twenty-one since June 5, 1917, and who has contracted marriage subsequent to the date of the enactment of the selective service law, to-wit, May 18, 1917, but on or prior to January 15, 1918, claims deferred classification on the grounds

of dependency resulting from his marriage, the fact of dependency resulting from his marriage will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification, unless the dependent has a child of marriage, born or unborn on or prior to June 9, 1918, in which case such a registrant upon satisfactory proof being made shall be classified in class two.

"C—If a registrant, other than one who has attained the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917, who has contracted marriage since May 18, 1917, claims deferred classification on the grounds of dependency resulting from his marriage will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification, unless the dependent has a child of the marriage, born or unborn on or before June 9, 1918, in which case such a registrant upon satisfactory proof being made shall be placed in class two.

"D—Nothing contained in this amendment to rule five shall be construed as requiring the transfer to class two of any registrant who has been finally classified in class one on the affirmative finding that his marriage since May 18, 1917, was made with the primary view of evading the military service.

"Instruct all local boards, forthwith to reclassify all cases involving marriage since May 18, 1917, in accordance with the above."

Postal Employees Get Raise.

The Madden law, which goes into effect July 1st, provides some very substantial increases in the pay of the postal employees. All those who receive in excess of \$800 and not more than \$1,500 receive a 15 per cent increase. This will apply to the clerks and carriers in the Butler office. Substitute or auxiliary carriers shall be paid at the rate of 40 cents per hour. Provision is also made in the bill for airplane mail service.

With the price of living increasing all the time this increase in wages is appreciated by the postoffice boys.

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